

show that Crain and Sandler again attended, as did Assistant Secretary of the Interior Ada Deer and her deputy, Michael Anderson.

On June 23, Fowler and DeAtley met privately at the DNC with Gover and Stetson, who briefed Fowler on the prior day's events. Fowler's notes of the meeting reflect a discussion of key Indian states from the standpoint of votes and finance prospects, with Minnesota being recorded in the money category. Fowler recalls little of this meeting, even though by June 20 – as reflected in another DNC document generated by DeAtley – Gover had made a commitment to Fowler to raise \$1,000,000 for the DNC and the Re-election Campaign.⁵³² Gover did not recall a specific million-dollar commitment in 1995 to that effect, but stated that he may have spoken rhetorically about “a million dollars and a million votes.”⁵³³

4. The DNC's Parallel Indian Fund-Raising Efforts Collide in August 1995

Though the Indian political events in Washington in June 1995 met with mixed reviews from the tribal participants, Crain became energized to start soliciting the Indians for money. He also became motivated by his DNC superiors' rising expectations of fund-raising by the NFC, as reflected in a phone message he left for Berger on July 18, asking if at that point he and Berger could “go after Indians for NFC.” Berger recalled being reluctant to make the money pitch to the

⁵³²Fowler has no recollection of such discussions with Gover; Gover stated that he would not have discussed such a goal with Fowler the first time he met him. An August 1995 solicitation letter Gover sent Indian leaders for contributions specifically to the Clinton/Gore '96 Primary Committee described a commitment of 100 tribes at \$1,000 each, for a total of \$100,000.

⁵³³Gover does recall that in 1996, he and Stetson explored the possibility of doing a single fund-raiser to generate \$1 million in “soft money” from Indians for the Re-election Campaign. The event never materialized.